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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/920,286; Filed: August 2, 2001
For: **Process for the Production of Multiple Cross-Linked
Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives**
Inventor: Xiaobin ZHAO
Our Ref: 0623.1110001/LBB/MGP

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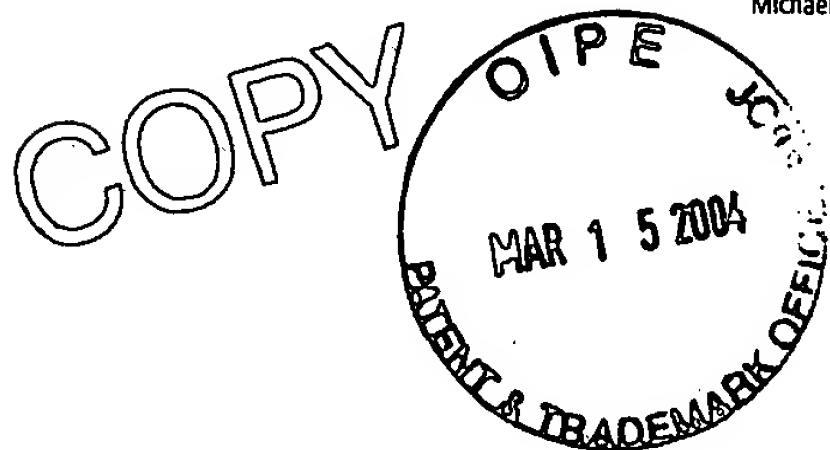
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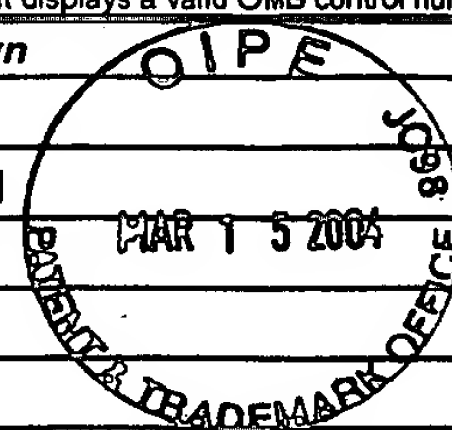
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1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
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1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
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